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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of European Analysis

FROM:

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT:

FBIS Reporting on Western Europe

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1. Could the chiefs of your three divisions share their thinking with me on the following questions? Their responses would be a major factor in FBIS' planning as related to a new monitoring facility in Western Europe. Please express to them my thanks in advance for their time and effort on this; I can assure them it will be put to good use.

- Your division's long-term standing requirements are contained in HUMINT reporting plans and collection guidance documents which FBIS makes available to its collection managers. To what degree is FBIS meeting these requirements? Are your division chiefs satisfied with the timeliness of FBIS reporting? Are they satisfied with its extent? Is the product delivered to their divisions in time to be of use? Is it delivered in a usable form?
- Your division's ad hoc, short-term and temporary requirements reach FBIS in a number of ways: by secure phone, by memo, by face-to-face contacts. To what degree is FBIS meeting these requirements? Are your division chiefs satisfied with the timeliness of the FBIS response? With its extent? With its delivery time and format?
- In what instances, if any, has FBIS reporting made a significant difference in the quality of your division's reporting? Was quality of product a factor in this difference? Timeliness of response?

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- How much FBIS reporting does your division find is duplicated by other sources? What is being duplicated? Need FBIS publish the duplicated/duplicative information?
- What issues or topics would you like to see given either more or less emphasis in FBIS' products? Are there productive sources available that are not being covered by FBIS? What about Western Europe television?
- To what extent does time lag in publication affect the usefulness of the FBIS product? If all FBIS material were available to your division in an expanded SAFE-type database, would your division still require a paper product?
- How does your division expect its requirements to change by the early 1990s? What issues/topics are most likely to emerge as high priority? Which are likely to drop in interest? Which countries or regions? What internal reorganizations and relocations is this shift in interest likely to drive?
- How do you envision your division's needs for storage and retrieval in the 1990s? Less or more? Centralized or decentralized?

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2. We are particularly interested in your views of the early 1990s. We are about to make major resource allocation decisions that will hinge on your future needs. Please remind your division chiefs that I would be happy to hear from them directly at any time with feedback on the FBIS product.

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